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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 694
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A RESOLUTION to designate a certain bridge on U.S. Highway 45E and State Route 22 in Weakley County as the "Gilliam-Green-Robbins Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those distinguished citizens who have made the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the safety of others in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Larry Gilliam, Joe Green and Tommy Robbins are three such persons, all Emergency Medical Technicians who tragically lost their lives in an automobile accident while responding to an emergency on December 26, 1982; and

WHEREAS, for their estimable service these men were posthumously inducted into the Tennessee EMT Hall of Fame in Nashville in 1988, the National EMT Hall of Fame in Roanoke, Virginia in 1995, and into the Weakley County Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilliam is survived by a wife and two sons; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Green is survived by a wife, one son and one daughter, his parents and a sister; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Robbins is survived by his parents; and

WHEREAS, these men gave their lives while valiantly providing emergency response services at an accident which occurred a few hundred feet from the present intersection of U.S. Highway 45E, State Route 22 and State Route 431; and

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WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that a certain bridge that spans State Route 431 in Weakley County, should be named to honor Mr. Larry Gilliam, Mr. Joe Green and Mr. Tommy Robbins, three gentlemen whose lives of purpose and commitment to others greatly benefited the good people of Weakley County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the bridge spanning State Route 431 on U.S. Highway 45E and State Route 22 in Weakley County is hereby designated the "Gilliam-Green-Robbins Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to these fine gentlemen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Gilliam-Green-Robbins Memorial Bridge";

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs or markers shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.